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I would like to voice my displeasure at the current proposed settlement of the Microsoft Antitrust case. Microsoft has in the past flouted consent decrees that have been handed down and its likely they will flout the proposed final judgement that is currently before the court. The barrier to entry into Microsoft markets needs to be lowered (esp. in operating systems and office suites). There are many artificial barriers that Microsoft has created to raise the barrier of entry into their markets which allow them an unfair advantage over their competitors. One of the barriers is non documented file formats for things such as MS Office files. Another example is non documented MS APIs which if documented would allow other operating systems to run programs written for Windows. There are many more examples but I will leave the two previous anti-competetive behaviors (which I consider the two most egregious). Those two tactics along with many other strong arm tactics has made Microsoft dominating operating system and office suite producer not because they've competed successfully but rather because they have engaged in activities which lock any potential competitors out. The proposed final judgement does nothing to address these problems. I hope you will consider my comments when making your final judgement. Thank you for your time and attention in this matter!

Sincerely,  
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